

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 October 2018 Members' Meeting Minutes

On October 17, 2018, the meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken; all officers were present and accounted for.

Charlie gave the president's report. He said, "The focus of the next three weeks is to get out the vote and to vote ourselves."

Mary gave the vice-president's report. She said, "There is plenty of news about Medicare and Social Security. Mitch McConnell called them entitlements; they're not, they're what we paid into. The Trump administration pushed generics on seniors, whether generics are appropriate or not for what is being treated. So, as Charlie said, we've got to get out and vote."

Charlie said, "There is phone banking every Friday at the IBEW building at 22nd and King Drive, south of Cermak, one block west of King, 2722 S. Martin Luther King Drive. The entrance is on the north end; there is a sign saying "Phone Bank". It opens at 10:30, it runs from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They have computerized dialing. You're dialing union households. He went on to say, "Check your voter registration card."

Tony read the September 2018 minutes. The minutes were accepted.

Jesse read the treasurer's report. "The ending balance for August and beginning balance for September was \$31,329.04. A check was made out to Charlie for the January conference for \$280.00. Two checks for \$70 per diem were paid for the last conference in Springfield. A check for \$128 was paid for my cab fare. That was a total of \$548.20. A deposit was made of a rebate of \$669.68 from the mother chapter. \$60 was received from three people who went to the Alliance of Retired Americans dinner, \$20 each from Tony, Dave and myself. If you attended, you can pay next month; it would be easier if you paid by check. The ending balance for September and beginning balance for

October is \$31,510.49. Charlie still has our deposit of \$3000." The treasurer's report was accepted.

Charlie said, "I have 780 Get out the Vote cards to mail and need \$393.79 to cover the cost." A motion was made and approved.

Charlie continued, "I want to buy booklets, "How to Chair a Meeting" and 'How to Attend a Meeting'. I need \$70 to send to AFSCME for the booklets." A motion was made and approved.

Charlie also said, "They're honoring Katy Jordan of CLUE at the Illinois Labor History Society dinner the evening of November 30, at Operating Engineers Local 39 on Cermak in Chinatown."

Mary said, "Katy has quite a story to tell about how she got involved in the labor union."

Charlie said, "We meet here the second Wednesday, November 18, and the third Wednesday, December 19."

Pat Houlihan announced that today is Peter's 75th birthday.

Peter said, "I lived three quarters of my life and I have one quarter to go."

Ida asked, "Speaking of dues, are all the members in the right place?"

Charlie answered, "No, I've fallen down on that."

Charlie also asked, "What should we do for the Christmas party?"

Nancy said, "I move that we do the same thing as last year."

Charlie said, "Dave's bringing five letters going to members. Sign them. We'll send them asking union members to vote for Ann Gillespie for state senator for the 27th district in the northwest suburbs, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows."

Jesse made a correction. "Tony said I worked with Julianna Stratton's mother. I worked with a Williams. Stratton's mother's name is Williamson. I didn't get as many brownie points as I thought."

Dave led a song to the tune of Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay by Joe Hill and said Joe Hill was a union organizer when people were killed for organizing.

Carl shared a handout.

Dave asked, "Are Chicagoans' dues coming to our local?"

Charlie replied, "I failed to follow up. Stay on me about this."

Charlie added, "If you would like to phone bank, let me know. I'll give you directions. It's not at the IBEW, just call our members."

A motion was made to spend \$125 for dinner after the phone bank. The motion was approved.

Walt said, "Early voting starts in the city October 22. Don't wait until November 5."

Dave asked, "Did you see the article in the Guardian says we have twelve years or the whole planet is going down. Changes in farming are needed. You should cut your eating of meat especially beef and pork. 90% of the problem is from beef."

Carl said, "Beef, because cows belch methane; it's worse than carbon dioxide."

Charlie said, "We should change our habits."

Charlie went on to say, "If you want to go to the Labor History Society dinner, I have details. It is \$35 for annual membership, dinner is \$100 for non-members, \$75 for members. How many want to go November 30?"

There was a show of six hands.

Marlene asked, "How much is the union paying?"

Charlie said, "You pay \$35 for membership. We pay \$65 for the dinner."

Carl said, "Is anyone familiar with Bill Edelman? He gave a speech on the use of barbed wire. It was invented in DeKalb, IL by Glidden, probably no relation to the paint company." He added, "May Day commemorated the Haymarket massacre. May Day is now called Law Day in the United States."

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.